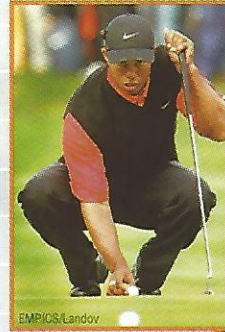


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◀ Shaun White makes his second unsuccessful attempt at the 1080 at the 2006 Summer X Games. He is the only skateboarder to attempt the move in competition.

X Games



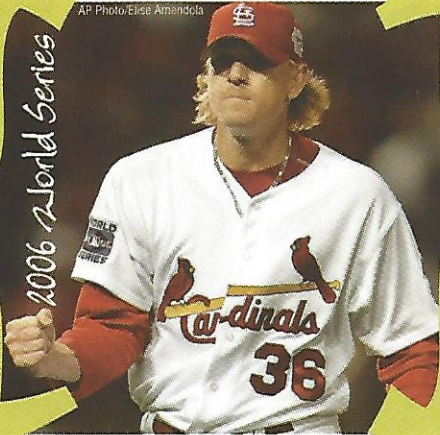
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▲ Tiger Woods and Mexican sensation Lorena Ochoa are named the male and female AP Athletes of the Year.

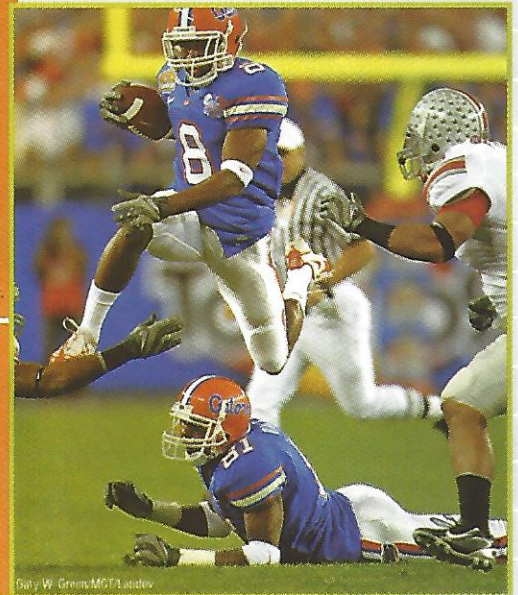
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2006 World Series

◀ The National League champion St. Louis Cardinals win the 2006 World Series by defeating the American League champion Detroit Tigers in five games.

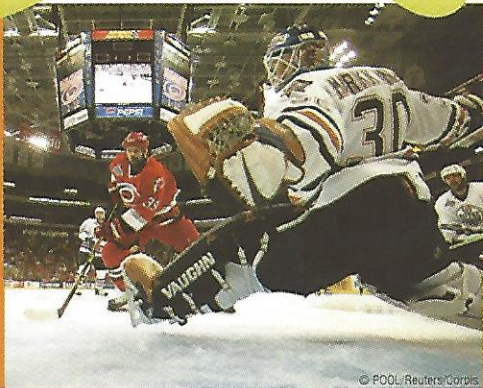
▶ The Florida Gators become the first school in history to win both the NCAA basketball and football titles in the same year after defeating heavily favored Ohio State 41-14 in the 2006 BCS National Championship.



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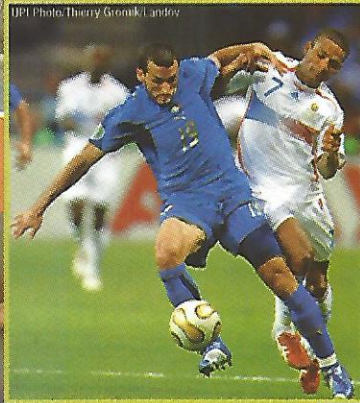
Stanley Cup

◀ In 2006, the Carolina Hurricanes defeat the Edmonton Oilers four games to three to win their first Stanley Cup in the first post-lockout championship.



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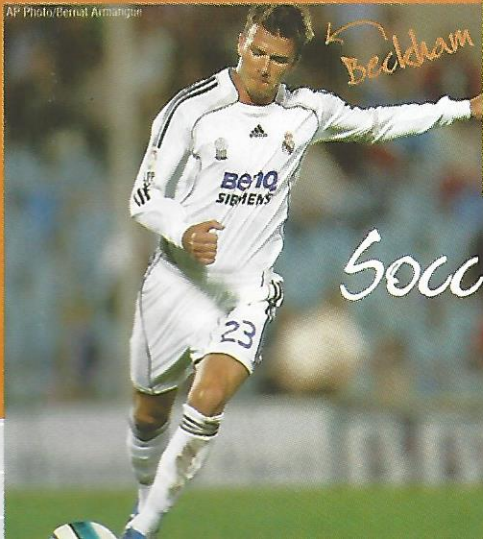


2006 Heisman Trophy Finalists:

- Troy Smith - Winner
QB, Ohio State
Notes: 2,940
- Darren McFadden
RB, Arkansas
Notes: 878
- Brady Quinn
QB, Notre Dame
Notes: 782

▼ International soccer superstar David Beckham signs a \$250 million contract to leave Real Madrid to play Major League Soccer in the U.S. for the Los Angeles Galaxy.

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Soccer

▲ In the 2006 World Cup Finals, the most widely viewed sporting event in the world, Italy beats France for the title.